Item	Prior to 4.3.2000	From 4.3.200
Incentive to bulk sale	Nil	Same as for concessionaires
Remuneration to depot agents	Depot Agents: Rs. 180/per month	Rs. 600/pm
	Sr. Depot Agents: Rs. 240/per month	Rs. 750/pm

(e) The additional annual financial burden on account of increase in commission at the present level of sale is estimated at Rs. 3.60 crores.

Strategy to tackle problems of Child Labour

*422. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 12 million child labour in India and out of these approximately two millions are working in hazardous industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have any focussed strategy to tackle this gigantic problem.

(c) will such a strategy only move towards solving the symptoms or will it involve making serious attempts to eradicate the problem at the root; and

(d) what are the details of the strategy and whether co-operation of State Governments and NGOs will form part of this strategy?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYNARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Authentic information on child labour is generated through the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 1.128 Crores. As on December, 1999, a total of 1,10,915 working children were identified in hazardous occupations.

(b) to (d) The National Policy on Child Labour contains an action plan for withdrawing children from work and rehabilitating them. The action plan comprises:

— A legislative action plan,

— Focussing on general development programmes for benefiting children, and

— Project-based action plans in areas of high concentration of child labour.

Government of India has been implementing two schemes of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects, Project Societies are constituted at the district level under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector for overseeing implementation of the projects. The major activity under the scheme is running of special schools/centres for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipened etc. NGOs are closely associated with the running of special schools/centres under NCLPs. Under the Scheme of grant-in-aid, funds are released to NGOs/Voluntary Organisations, on the recommendation of the concerned State Government, for taking up action oriented projects for the benefit of working children.

Kisan Credit Card Scheme

*423. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Kisan Credit Card Scheme was introduced in 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many farmers have been benefited by this scheme, State-wise; and

(d) what is the percentage of small and marginal farmers out of total beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. That salient feature of the Scheme are given at Statement I and details regarding the number of farmers benefited are given in the statement at Statement II. (*see* below).

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT-I

Salient Features of the Scheme

1. Applicability of the Scheme:

Scheme is for implementation by Commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative banks (District Central Cooperative Banks/Primary